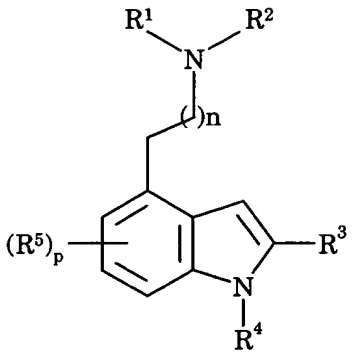

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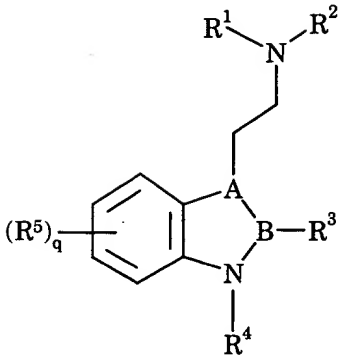

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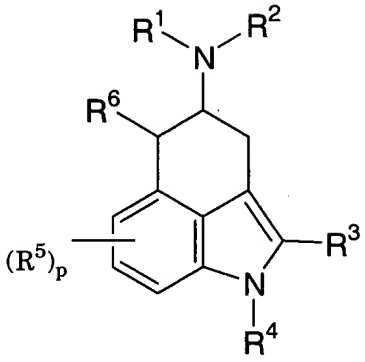

(III)

wherein

n is 1 or 2;

p is 0,1,2 or 3;

q is 0,1,2,3 or 4;

R^1 and R^2 independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or aryl (C_{1-6})alkyl, or together represent the atoms necessary to complete a heterocycloalkyl group comprising the nitrogen atom to which R^1 and R^2 are attached;

R^3 represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, aryl(C_{1-6})alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl or C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl;

R^4 represents arylsulphonyl, heteroarylsulphonyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulphonyl, di(C_{1-6})alkylaminosulphonyl, arylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl or C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl;

each R^5 independently represents hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl(C_{1-6})alkoxy, nitrile or halogen; and

[R^6 represents hydrogen, hydroxy or C_{1-6} alkoxy; and]

-A-B- represents -C=C- or -CH-CH-.

2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 in which said compound is in accordance with said Formula I[,] or II [or III] wherein:

R^1 and R^2 independently represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl or benzyl, or R^1 and R^2 in combination represent pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, 4-methylpiperazinyl or morpholinyl;

R^3 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, benzyl, allyl, propargyl, benzoyl, phenyl, thienyl or furoyl;

R^4 represents benzenesulphonyl, naphthalene-2-sulphonyl, o-, m- or p-toluenesulphonyl, o-, m- or p-chlorobenzenesulphonyl, o-, m- or p-methoxybenzenesulphonyl, methanesulphonyl, dimethylaminosulphonyl, thienylsulphonyl, benzoyl, acetyl, furoyl or *tert*-butoxycarbonyl; and

R^5 represents hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, benzyloxy, nitrile, fluorine, chlorine or bromine.

3. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 in which the compound is selected from:

(a) compounds of Formula I in which p is zero; R^1 and R^2 are identical and represent hydrogen or methyl; R^3 represents hydrogen or benzoyl; and R^4 represents arylsulphonyl or dimethylaminosulphonyl; and

(b) compounds of Formula II in which R^1 and R^2 are identical and represent hydrogen or methyl, or together complete a pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or 4-methylpiperazinyl ring; R^3 represents hydrogen or methyl; R^4 represents arylsulphonyl, thienylsulphonyl, benzoyl or *tert*-butoxycarbonyl; R^5 represents hydroxy, methoxy, benzyloxy or nitrile; and q is zero or 1[; and

(c) compounds of Formula III in which R^1 and R^2 are identical and represent hydrogen or methyl; R^3 represents hydrogen; R^4 represents arylsulphonyl; R^6 represents hydroxy or methoxy; and p is zero].

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 in which the compound is selected from:

2-[1-(benzenesulphonyl)-1*H*-indol-4-yl]ethylamine;

N,N-dimethyl 2-[1-(benzenesulphonyl)-1*H*-indol-4-yl]ethylamine;

N,N-dimethyl 2-[1-(dimethylamino)sulphonyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl]ethylamine;

N,N-dimethyl 3-[1-(benzenesulphonyl)-1*H*-indol-4-yl]propylamine; and

N,N-dimethyl 2-[1-(benzenesulphonyl)-2-benzoyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl] ethylamine;

[trans-4-dimethylamino-1-(4-methylbenzenesulphonyl)-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benz[*cd*]indol-5-ol;

and

4-dimethylamino-5-methoxy-1-(4-methylbenzenesulphonyl)-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benz[*cd*]indole;]

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof.

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